

LIBRARY



Children attend weekly storytime hour, shown here at the Maya Angelou Library. The library system also offers a variety of reading and other

At-Risk Youth Spending

- ▶ *Core Title Books* - \$66,340
- ▶ *Multi-Language Material* - \$4,000
- ▶ *William Allen White Award Winner Books* - \$4,000
- ▶ *Family Learning Programs* - \$5,000
- ▶ *Summer Reading Program* - \$7,940
- ▶ *Teen Read Program* - \$4,000
- ▶ *Community Outreach Programming* - \$1,000
- ▶ *General Library Service Material* - \$5,800



Citizens explore the capabilities of the Library's new Technology Training Center, which opened in Fall 2000.

The mission of the Wichita Public Library is to provide a community-focused system, which actively promotes access to resources, services, and facilities to meet the informational, educational, and leisure needs of adults and children in the greater Wichita area.

Overview

The Wichita Public Library operates a central downtown facility, two district (or regional) libraries, and nine neighborhood branches. Branch libraries alternately offer service Mondays through Sundays, and the district and downtown libraries are open seven days a week.

Each library facility contains a broad range of popular reading materials, including books, magazines, and newspapers. Music, videos, and artwork are available for checkout. Access to the Internet is available at workstations in several facilities, and the library system also offers a variety of reading and other community outreach programs to the citizens of Wichita.

The Wichita Public Library consists of five operating divisions: Administrative Services, Adult Public Services, Extension Services, Public Service Support, and Youth Services. The Extension Division supports the operating budgets of all district and branch facilities.

Operating resources include the General Fund and various grants. Donations from the Friends of the Library and the Wichita Public Library Foundation fund various special projects. The Wichita Public Library Foundation recently reached its goal of raising \$1.5 million in conjunction with a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Library received over \$63,000 from interest earned in 2000, which will be used for books and programming. Planned uses for the \$1.5 million in total funding are for humanities-related materials, such as special book collections and lectures.

The Library opened its new Technology Training Center at the Central Library in September 2000. The facility has 10 computer workstations and 1 trainer workstation, financed from the Gates Grant. Twenty-four other workstations were also funded by the grant, which were distributed among five branch libraries, Aley, Angelou Northeast, Linwood, Minisa, and Planeview each received 4 computers. The City, in conjunction with the grant, constructed the lab, which houses the computers at the Central Library and relocate the microfilm readers to the re-modeled genealogy center.



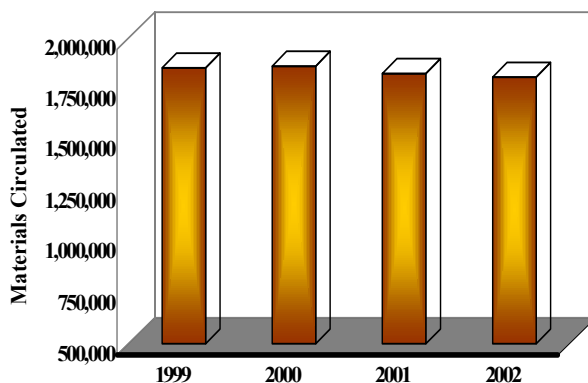


The Library system's long-term strategy is to consolidate several of its smaller, less-utilized branches into regional libraries. The strategy is consistent with recommendations from a 1993 consultant study that suggested the majority of the existing branch libraries in the city be closed and library services centered at larger, regional facilities in the north, south, east and west sections of the city. Pursuant to the recommendations of the consultant, costs are anticipated for inclusion in the 2003 Budget Process, to construct two new regional branches in the northern and southern quadrants of the City.



A Junior Volunteer at the Rockwell District Library assists with the Reading Club program for children.

Annual Circulation
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	Major Service Levels			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
Reference questions fielded	339,304	318,402	282,063	249,584
Registered borrowers	105,572	105,572	110,572	110,600
Program attendance	36,436	44,752	46,949	50,563

Finance and Operations

The 2001 Budget provided funds for the Library to open several branches on Sundays. Library statistics show that the number of people utilizing the new hours is growing, and Library staff reports that those visiting on Sundays are new people whom the staff does not typically see during the week. Funding for Sunday hours is continued in the 2002 budget.

The budget also includes additional funding for children's books and materials. In addition to the purchase of more books, the funds allow the Library to provide outreach programming. The programming includes additional story times in Spanish, in efforts to reach more of the community. A Youth Outreach Librarian was recently hired to encourage children to visit the Library through outreach efforts at schools and various community events.

The budget continues to include a \$100,000 contingency allocation for additional children's books and programs. Funds are also included in the 2002 Proposed Budget to increase and improve shelf space to accommodate the Library's growing collection

In 2000, the Wichita Public Library circulated 1.8 million library materials, responded to over 318,000 citizen reference inquiries, and registered almost

18,400 people in various programs. Service levels are expected to remain steady in 2002 and 2003, with an emphasis on increasing the number of registered borrowers and boosting program attendance, particularly among young people.

The Library has over 1,003,000 holdings, which includes 631,600 books, 119,800 periodicals, 1,490 CD-ROMs, 82,300 audiovisual items, and 63,500 microforms. Sixty-two percent of all Library holdings are located at the Main Library, 14 percent is located between the two District Branch Libraries, and 24 percent are dispersed between the numerous Neighborhood Branch libraries.

Circulation averaged almost 6 items per capita in 2000, with an average cost of \$1.11 per item. In 2000, 46 percent of Wichita citizens were registered patrons of the City's library system. The percentage is expected to decrease slightly in 2001, despite efforts to target outreach efforts in Wichita public schools and in conjunction with cooperative programs administered within the school district. The outreach efforts complement new youth and children's reading resources that are included in the budget.

With the new outreach services provided in the 2002 Proposed Budget, the Library will continue its outreach efforts to citizens. New audiences will be serviced due to the startup of the new North Regional Branch and Lionel Alford Regional Branch Libraries opening in 2003.

Outreach programming includes such items as The Edge of Adventure Summer Reading Program and Teen Read, which added 8000 new library users in

2000, funds have been included in the 2002 Budget for Youth outreach programming.

Selected Performance Measures				
	1999	2000	2001	2002
Circulation per capita	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Services per capita	13.8	14	15.4	16.4
Registered borrowers as a percent of pop.	47.80%	46%	45.40%	44.60%
Program attendance per 1,000 pop.	115.13	135.94	141.33	150.2
Avg. cost per item circulated	\$1.11	\$1.11	\$1.10	\$1.09

Library Budget Summary					
	2000 Actual	2001 Adopted	2001 Revised	2002 Adopted	2003 Approved
Personal Services	3,627,751	4,003,110	3,949,900	4,036,940	4,180,310
Contractual Services	724,309	731,590	790,370	872,380	873,630
Commodities	770,492	735,590	711,560	740,250	734,950
Capital Outlay	0	19,190	11,540	17,700	17,880
Other	0	114,750	100,000	142,770	142,770
Total General Fund Expenditures	5,122,552	5,604,230	5,563,370	5,810,040	5,949,540
Total Local Source Revenue	5,122,552	5,604,230	5,563,370	5,810,040	5,949,540
Total Grant Source Revenue	661,026	536,770	574,610	574,610	574,610
Total Operating Resources	5,783,578	6,141,000	6,128,830	6,286,360	6,292,010
Total full-time (Locally funded)	85	85	84	84	84
Total part-time (Locally funded)	45	46	45	46	46
Total FTE (Locally funded)	130	131	128	130	130
Total FTE (Grant funded)	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38





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